

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

### Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 1, 6, 12, 16, 35 and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,748,468 of Notenboom et al. ("Notenboom").

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Notenboom in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,308 of Sanders et al. ("Sanders").

Claims 2-4, 7-11, 13-15, 17-21, 36-38 and 40-44 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 22-34 have been allowed.

### Status of Claims

Claims 2-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-34, 36-38 and 40-51 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 13, 17, 36 and 40 have been amended to be written in independent format or to depend from a pending claim. The amended claims are supported by the specification. Claims 45-51 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 6, 12, 16, 35, 39 have been canceled, without prejudice.

### Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 6, 12, 16, 35 and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Notenboom. Claims 1, 6, 12, 16, 35 and 39 have been canceled and, therefore, it is submitted that the rejection with respect to these claims is moot.

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Notenboom in view of Sanders. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from an allowable claim, and, therefore, it is submitted that the rejection with respect to claim 5 is moot.

Claims 2-4, 7-11, 13-15, 17-21, 36-38 and 40-44 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is submitted that these claims have either been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims or they depend from an allowable claim. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 2-4, 7-11, 13-15, 17-21, 36-38 and 40-44 are in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome.

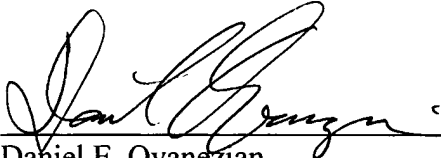
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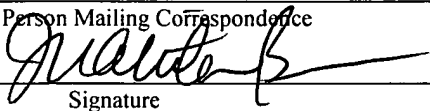
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